

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

10:50 a.m. Logan made a motion and Humiston seconded to go into a Board of Corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT: Corrections Director Dave Arnold provided the board members with information. They show a daily average of 103.5. For the last ten days the population has been higher and this morning they are at 138 inmates. The judges are not as lenient on the bonds and some of the bonds are set at higher amounts. They have had 616 inmates in the last two months with a total of 1351 charges. The reason the charges are high is because some of the inmates have multiple charges. Two weeks ago jail standards did the inspection and the jail did pass. The fire department inspected the jail and it also passed this inspection.

Window replacement project is proceeding. The framework has been installed and the glass needs to be put in. This section will be used for work release.

Arnold stated that the county received restitution from an inmate for damages that were done in the jail. This is the first time this has happened.

Arnold reported that he sent two officers to Phoenix Arizona for training on classification issues in the jail. Chuck Wegner and Todd Kool attended the seminar and they are here to make a report.

Chuck Wegner stated that he attended the seminar and of the 93 people attending the meeting most of them use the classification system. They also toured a correctional facility while they were there. The program is based on classifying the inmates. It is determined if they are high risk and if the inmates have any special conditions. If there are they are classified as aggravating or mitigating and the proper action is taken. They provided the board members with charts showing the inmate movement on the programs that are offered and statistical information on needs of the inmates. Wegner stated that the Nebraska State Corrections Department uses this system.

Corporal Todd Kool is the program director at the corrections department and he stated when he attend the conference he learned that the set up of our programs are not set up correctly. Our programs are open to everyone, but he learned that there should be a needs assessment interview for the inmates to determine the programs they should be involved in. He will be working on making these changes.

Arnold was asked if there could be more work release inmates. Arnold stated that the inmates must meet criteria and when they are sentenced the Judges have to order work release. Right now they only 4 trustees and 22 assigned to work release. Jeffries stated that the county park could use some help. He also stated that the inmates helped at the county picnic and they did a good job. The new classification program may help to get more people out working. Arnold also stated that the classification program might help with the discipline in the jail.

Pam Lancaster stated that she appreciated the information on the program assessment and was unaware of the fact that the GED program can be offered to some of the inmates.

Logan questioned if the contract for medical services is to be renewed and Arnold stated that it would be up for renewal this month. Logan requested that before it is renewed he would like to look at this. This is on the agenda for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11:10 a.m. executive session

11:15 a.m. Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk